

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

KATAFUCHI et al.

Appln. No. 09/196129

Filed: November 20, 1998

For: OXYGEN SENSING ELEMENT USED
IN AN OXYGEN SENSOR

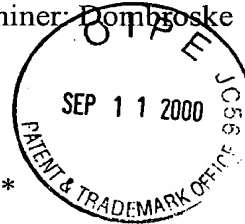
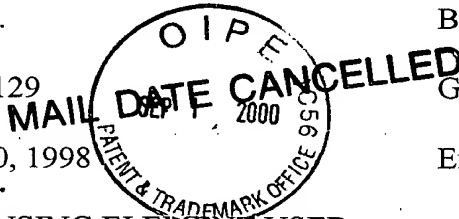
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OF IDS FILED NOVEMBER 20, 1998

The Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Supplemental Notice of Allowability dated August 8, 2000, Paper No. 9 in the above-mentioned application.

1. The undersigned calls to the Examiner's attention page 2, paragraph 2 of the Supplemental Notice of Allowability that states: "A review of the application file currently does not reveal the presence of an IDS filed on 20 November 1998. If applicants wish to rely on the 20 November 1998 date, it would be necessary to timely file a grantable petition requesting the acceptance... of the 20 November 1998 IDS, supported by appropriate evidence."

2. Enclosed please find such "appropriate evidence" as a copy of a stamped PTO card that shows the IDS being filed at and received by the PTO on November 20, 1998.

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3. The Examiner misunderstood the Applicants as indicating that the 30 March 2000 IDS was a copy of the filed 20 November 1998 IDS. In order to clarify this misunderstanding, Applicants note that the 30 March 2000 IDS is not a copy of the filed 20 November 1998 IDS. Applicants simply intended to indicate to the Examiner that a request for returned of the 20 November 1998 IDS was filed on 30 March 2000. Enclosed please find a copy of the filed 20 November 1998 IDS letter and PTO Form-1449.

4. Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited along with an early action on the merits.

5. The required petition fee is filed herewith. Should that fee be missing or inadequate, please charge the deficiency to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 60388/257863 for which purpose this paper is submitted in duplicate.

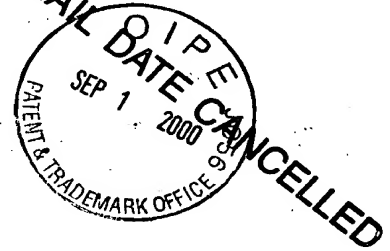
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Amendment

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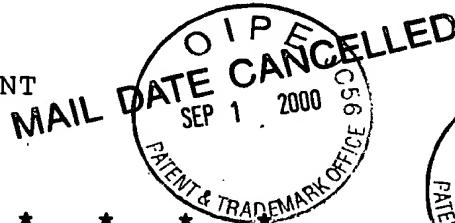
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Sir:

The Examiner's attention is directed to the following
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Examiner's Initials*	FIRST INVENTOR (Last Name Only)	APPLICATION NO. (Series Code/Serial No.)
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PLEASE DO NOT PRINT the above information on the patent
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Consideration of each listed application is earnestly
solicited since unpublished patent applications are
contemplated as IDS material; see the exception in Rule
98(a)(2)(ii) and note the penultimate sentence of MPEP 609.

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Further, in keeping with MPEP 609, Subsec. C(2), 2nd para., line 10 to end of the paragraph (especially note lines 18-25) **PLEASE RETURN A COPY OF THIS LETTER** with the Examiner's initials adjacent each above listing so that applicant will know that each listed application has been considered as required by PTO policy. Thanks.

Secondly, please consider each enclosed document which is listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and return a copy of that form with the Examiner's initials adjacent each citation. Thanks again.

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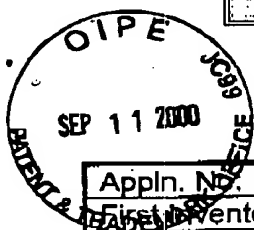
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☐ Response/Amendment ☐ Cover Sheet ☐ Cited/Listed Documents

☐ Completion Request for R 53(f)/PCT Nat.

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